

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 were present in the application. Claim 1 is amended herein. Claims 2 and 3 were canceled in a previous response, being non-elected. Applicant continues to reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

The Examiner has requested amendment of the title. The title has accordingly been amended herein with attention to the Examiner's comments thereon.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Molin et al, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0015444.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner opinion that Molin shows or teaches the feature described in claim 1 of this invention.

Molin discloses a needle magazine but not a tool suspension device comprising a suspension board and a tool bracket. The base member 19 of Molin is made by connecting together a number of modules side by side (column 2, paragraph [0031] lines 1 to 3) but not a suspension "board" as this invention. In addition, the Examiner stated that the front (f) of the lid 23 of Molin is free from a parting line (Office Action, page 3 line 3), and also

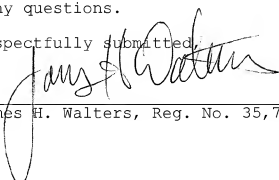
stated that a continuous parting line (unnumbered but depicted with arrows - the peripheral edge of the bracket) is formed around the top (t), bottom (b) and sides(s). However, the arrows depicted by the Examiner also extend over the front (f) so that the statement that the parting line is free from the front (f) by the Examiner is contrary and unreasonable. In addition, the peripheral edge enclosed by the arrows depicted by the Examiner is an inherent contour of an object but not a parting line formed during an injection molding along an interface of two molding surfaces as described in this invention. Therefore, the peripheral edge of the lid 23 of Molin is essentially different from the parting line on the tool bracket of the present invention. With the arrangement of the parting line of this invention, the product indicators with different marks formed on the fronts of the tool brackets can be conveniently changed with a specific mold during the forming process of the tool bracket, but Molin does not disclose, suggest or teach this feature as provided by applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, applicant believes that the rejection to claim 1 of this invention has been overcome and claim 1 is allowable.

After the amendment to the title and the above noted remarks, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant is submitted some examples of the prior art and of applicant's invention by mail for study by the Examiner. Applicant is also requesting a telephone interview at a time convenient to the Examiner after the samples arrive at the Examiner's office, to discuss.

The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


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